

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Parish Room, Howe Lane, Goxhill

Present: In the Chair: Cllr R. Brixton, Cllr C. Couch, Cllr P. Grainger, Cllr I. Whelpton

Attending: Ferry Ward Cllrs P. Clark and D. Wells, Mrs C. Tooby (clerk)

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1. **To Note Apologies for Absence.** Cllr E. Davey, Cllr S. Leach, Cllr A. Tulloch
 2. **To Note Declarations of Interest.** None
 3. **To Receive Public Participation** There were no members of the public present.
 4. **To Resolve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Cllr Couch proposed that the minutes of Monday 7th July 2014 be signed as a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr Grainger and unanimously resolved.
 5. **To Resolve Matters Arising.**
 - i. Hilly Pits. No further information on the planning committee.
 - ii Archives. Ongoing
 - iii BCCRP. Cllr Brixton confirmed that the franchise for Northern Rail has been renewed until 2016.
 - iv College Road polytunnels. No further information
 - v College Road solar panels. No further information. It was resolved to write to Phil Wallis and members of the planning committee to suggest that no further approvals are granted for this site until all previous conditions are implemented.
 - vi The Grange. It was noted that pigs are being kept at the Grange.
 - vii Station Road hedge trimming/weed control. Cllr Brixton reported that the weed killer has not been effective and the footpath has disappeared in places. Cllr Wells agreed to follow this up. Clerk was requested to send reminders to residents that hedge trimming was now due.
 - viii A1077 footpath weed control. Cllr Clark confirmed he had reminded the highways department over this matter, and agreed to follow this up. Due to the increasing amount of issues that have not been responded to or followed up by NL Council, it was resolved to write a letter of complaint to the Leader of the Council, Liz Redfern.
 - ix Lychgate Memorial grant. Cllr Couch reported good progress. The application has been submitted to the Community Pot Fund, and indications were favourable for its approval.
 - x Thornton Abbey picnic site. Cllr Wells stated that the old benches and tables were being taken out in readiness for the new ones. It is hoped these will be installed next week, once the concrete bases have been laid.

- xi Northern Powergrid. The transformer removal is complete. Cllr Davey has raised concerns that the verge near the pump is uneven and difficult to mow
- xii Community resilience plans. Deferred until the next meeting.

6. To resolve Police Matters.

- i. Ferry NATs meeting. Next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on 23rd October at North Killingholme. Cllr Couch asked Cllr Grainger to see if the minutes of the special church meeting could be made available.

7. To Resolve Village Matters

- i. 100th Anniversary WW1. Cllr Couch reported that Brigg Garden Centre had kindly given a very generous discount to the Parish Council for the commemorative Choisya shrub, which is now in place. Cllr Brixton thanked Cllr Couch for organising and planting the shrub.
- ii. Play area grass cutting/Elder tree. It was noted that Andy James is doing a good job on the grass cutting. Cllr Couch agreed to get a quotation for hedge cutting, and also to write a thank you in the newsletter to residents for clearing up after their dogs in the play area.
- iii. Public bench, Main Street/Laurel Lane. It was noted that the bench is in need of repainting. Cllr Couch agreed to put a request in the newsletter for a volunteer to undertake refurbishment of this bench and also the one at Station Road.
- iv. Location of public defibrillator. It was resolved that an external wall of the Thornton Hunt would be the ideal location for the defibrillator. Cllr Wells agreed to approach the landlord.
- v. Broadband rollout. Cllr Brixton reported that a fibre optic cable had been run from Barrow to the junction box outside Spruce Lodge, Station Road. It is hoped that anyone within one mile of this location will be able to receive superfast broadband between October this year and March next year.

8. To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters

- i. Flashing Speed Sign. The request for another free speed sign has been declined, as it was the free sign that had been unable to download the data, and not the sign paid for by the Parish Council.
- ii. Burnham road verges. Ongoing. Clerk to chase up.
- iii. Clerk to report the poor patch repairs on Burnham Lane, which continue to hold water, and also to request hedge trimming at Champions Gate, where it has encroached onto the highway.
- iv. Clerk was requested to chase up the repair situation on Goxhill Road.
- v. Cllr Couch reported that the cats eyes on Thornton Road had been removed, and it was agreed to write to the highways department if these are not replaced shortly.

9. Planning Environmental Permit Application. A letter of objection has been submitted to the Environments Agency regarding the Old Ferry Wharf, Barrow Haven and its unsuitability as a Waste Transfer site.

10. To Resolve Environmental Issues. Cllr Brixton noted that there had been no further response to the request for litter grabbers. Cllr Clark agreed to follow this up.

11. To Consider Correspondence. An Invitation to the ERNLLCA AGM was noted.

- 12 **To Resolve Accounts & Financial Matters** Cllr Grainger proposed the following payments, seconded by Cllr Whelpton and resolved: Goxhill PC room hire £10, Clerk £89.50, Andy James £120, Cllr Couch £40 (Choisya shrub).
There were no receipts.
13. **To Consider the Agenda for next meeting** Items to the Clerk by 24th October please.
14. **To Resolve the Date and Time of next meeting.** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 3rd November 2014.